

REMARKS

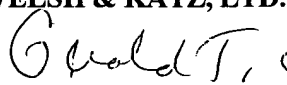
In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 21 and 6-14 as being indefinite. The Examiner has stated that in claim 21 it is unclear how the body section is operable to release a dose of viscous active substance from the reservoir. The Examiner states that the claim is incomplete because the structure of the body section that enables release of a dose of the active substance is not recited. All rejections based on prior art have been withdrawn.

Applicant has amended claim 21 so that it now recites that the body section supports the reservoir for releasing a dose of the viscous active substance from the reservoir. Further, Applicant has specifically placed a ramp surface on the body section so that they now direct the stream of water toward the outlet channel, thus, the stream of water is directed into the outlet channel and into contact with the outlet side of the flow restrictor overcoming surface tension and effecting the release of a dose of the viscous active substance from the reservoir. As such, Applicant believes that claim 21 now recites structure to enable release of a dose of the active substance. Through a thorough reading of the specification, one realizes that the dispenser of the subject invention operates with or without slot 23. As stated on page 12, lines 5-8 "the ramp surfaces 38a, 38b serve to deflect flush water in the direction of the chamber 8 and may be provided with vanes to further capture and align the flush water." While a slot 23 may provide rapid entry of the flush water into the chamber and rapid drainage of that same water therefrom, it is also taught, page 11, line 17 that "one can maintain an effective operating balance by varying the porosity of the chamber wall and also varying the viscosity of the active substance and the diameter of hole 17." Thus, there are a number of parameters which can be played with to increase the effectiveness of the dispenser of the subject invention. It is clear then, that the slot 23 is not necessary for a proper working of the subject invention.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as enclosed.